

Amdoxovir

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Amdoxovir, also known as DAPD, is a type of antiretroviral drug called a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI). NRTIs block reverse transcriptase, a protein that HIV needs to make more copies of itself.

Amdoxovir is also being investigated to see how well it works against hepatitis B virus when it is combined with other antiviral drugs.

Amdoxovir was originally developed by scientists at Emory University and the University of Georgia. The universities were working with Gilead Sciences to further develop the drug. In January 2004, Gilead announced that it was no longer going to study and manufacture amdoxovir. Gilead will continue to supply amdoxovir to participants already enrolled in amdoxovir clinical trials.

HIV/AIDS-Related Uses

Amdoxovir is an investigational medicine and is not yet approved by the FDA for use outside of clinical trials. Amdoxovir is being studied to see how well it works in combination with other anti-HIV medicines in patients whose current HIV medications are no longer effective. Amdoxovir does not cure or prevent HIV infection or AIDS and does not reduce the risk of passing the virus to other people.

Dosage Information

Amdoxovir comes in capsule form and is taken by mouth.

Contraindications

Individuals who have kidney disease should tell a doctor before using this medicine. Because there is not enough information on the safety of amdoxovir, pregnant or breastfeeding women should not take amdoxovir.

Possible Side Effects

Along with its desired effects, this medicine can cause some unwanted effects, which may include diarrhea, difficulty urinating, general ill feeling, headache, nausea, skin rash, stomach pain, tooth problems, and vision problems.

Drug and Food Interactions

A doctor should be notified of any other medications being taken, including prescription, nonprescription (over-the-counter), and herbal

medications.

Clinical Trials

For information on clinical trials that involve Amdoxovir, visit the ClinicalTrials.gov web site at <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>. In the Search box, enter: Amdoxovir AND HIV Infections.

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